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# RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS

### **Box MISSING PARTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated April 11, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed, Applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration and an executed Power of Attorney by Assignee. The Assignment and Recordation Cover Sheet is being filed at the Box Assignment. A copy of the Assignment is attached to the Power of Attorney By Assignee. A Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time for response until July 11, 2001 is submitted herewith with provision for the required fee.

A fee of \$130.00 is believed to be due for this submission. Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is also enclosed.

Date June 15, 2001

Respectfully submitted,

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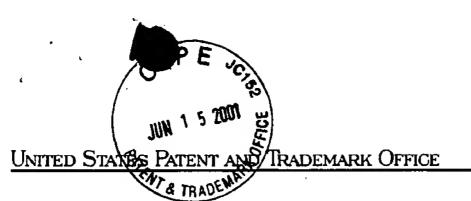
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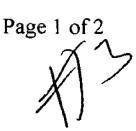
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#### Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

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